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Hon. A. Kathleen Tomlinson United States District Court 100 Federal Plaza Central Islip, New York 11722

Re:

Amato v. County of Nassau, et al.

Docket No. 17-cv-2974 (GRB)(AKT)

Dear Magistrate Judge Tomlinson:

This law firm represents the Defendants in the above-referenced action. We are writing to respectfully request an adjournment of the settlement conference presently scheduled for January 15, 2020. This is the first request by either party for an adjournment of the settlement conference, and Plaintiff's counsel consents to the requested adjournment.

An adjournment is needed in order to have meaningful settlement discussions at the upcoming conference. Over the past several weeks (and still ongoing), the undersigned counsel and the Defendant County of Nassau have been fully consumed in settling two large collective action FLSA cases, each containing several hundred opt-in plaintiffs, *Gurrieri*, et al. v. County of Nassau, 16-cv-6983 (GRB)(SIL) and Chodkowski, et al. v. County of Nassau, 16-cv-5770 (GRB)(AYS). As a result, the undersigned counsel has been unable to prepare the necessary memorandums and take the necessary steps to obtain settlement authority from the County in this action. For a meaningful settlement conference to take place, additional time is needed. I apologize to the Court for this delay and any inconvenience.

Both parties, and counsel for both parties, are available on the following dates: March 1st, March 3rd, March 5th, and March 8th.

We thank the Court for its kind consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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